

Mary J. Thompson, RN, NCI

Job Title: Nurse Consultant/Inspector

Agency (Cabinet/Department): CHFS/Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs – Consultant for Protection & Permanency Social workers

Education: Graduated Valedictorian from St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in 1997. Attended Murray State University from 1985-1989 with 1 year at a small liberal arts college in Ohio.

Work Experience: I have worked for the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CCSHCN) since February 2001 and have worked as a Nurse Consultant to DCBS Protection and Permanency since January 2007. I consult with Social Workers in 17 counties (The Lakes Region) regarding child abuse and neglect including physical, sexual and emotional abuse cases. Prior to my work with the CCSHCN, I worked in Intensive Care Unit at the Murray Calloway-County Hospital, worked in Labor and Delivery for 3 years and worked as the Elementary School Nurse for Graves Co. Board of Education for 2 ½ years. Before I began my nursing career, I worked in Indianapolis, IN as an assistant branch manager for Summit Bank then moved to Memphis, TN where I worked in banking as well.

Why I am a candidate for the Personnel Board: As a 13 ½ year employee of the state of Kentucky, I would like to be a candidate for the Personnel Board to contribute to the work done by the board in hearing appeals and working through disputes. I have seen the positive impact that the board has established with state employees and feel that I can contribute. Because of my role as a liaison between the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CCSHCN), Department of Community Based Services (DCBS), and foster care, I have experience in understanding the differences between agencies or job roles and bringing employees together for a common goal for our citizens. I have also had experience between DCBS and medical personnel, which, in turn, has given me opportunities to see groups of people who work together, but might also have conflict and find a resolution. I have the ability to be impartial and am confident that all employees-employers who have concerns can be heard and responded to in a fair manner without prejudice.

Additional Comments: